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## NEWSNOTES

### NEWS

#### *New Western Province*

On 25 January 2010 the Congregation of the Mission's Midwest (Saint Louis), Southern (Dallas), and West (Los Angeles) provinces will merge to become a new Western Province headquartered in Saint Louis, Missouri. The archive collections of the former West and Southern provinces will be transferred in early 2010 to the DeAndreis-Rosati Memorial Archives located at the DePaul University Archives, Chicago, Illinois. Also, as of this date, all academic records for the closed educational establishments of the three former provinces will be accessible through the Vincentian Academic Archives, also located at DePaul. These resources can be found online at: <http://www.library.depaul.edu/Collections/vincentian.aspx>.

#### *Pierre Coste Prize*

The Vincentian Studies Institute of DePaul University is happy to announce that Sister Louise Sullivan, D.C., of the Northeast Province of the Daughters of Charity has been named as the third recipient of the *Pierre Coste Prize*. The prize, named after the famed 20th century Vincentian historian, Pierre Coste, C.M., is given in recognition of distinguished contributions to Vincentian Studies. Sr. Louise is the author of *Sister Rosalie Rendu: A Daughter of Charity on Fire with Love for the Poor*, *The Core Values of Vincentian Education*, *the Vincentian Mission in Health Care*, and multiple articles and books on Louise de Marillac and the Daughters of Charity. She has given numerous talks and presentations worldwide on Louise and the Vincentian charism. Also being honored is the late Rev. Paul Henzmann, C.M., who served for many years as the archivist at the Maison-Mere of the Congregation of the Mission in Paris. Fr. Henzmann died earlier this year. The prize will be awarded at a celebratory banquet in Chicago on Friday, 5 February 2009, as part of DePaul University's celebration of the 350th anniversaries of the deaths of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac. Previous awardees include Sr. Marie Poole, D.C., and Rev. Stafford Poole, C.M.

#### *Documentary Film: "Vincent de Paul: Charity's Saint"*

In preparation for over two years, the documentary film *Vincent de Paul: Charity's Saint*, will have its debut in January 2010, as part of the 350th anniversary celebrations. Produced by the Vincentian Studies Institute in conjunction with Orchard Productions in Chicago, this compelling film will examine the life and times of Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, and the

founding of the Congregation of the Mission, the Daughters of Charity, the Ladies of Charity, and the Confraternities of Charity, as well as speak to the ongoing relevancy of the Vincentian tradition at the dawn of the 21st century. Copies of the documentary will be widely distributed in DVD format, and will be available for purchase from the Vincentian Studies Institute bookstore.

*The Vincentians. A General History of the Congregation of the Mission.*

This is the title of the projected six-volume history to be published by New City Press, Hyde Park, New York. The first volume (covering the seventeenth century) will be published by the end of 2009. This and volume two (up to the French Revolution) were translated from the Italian original by José María Román and Luigi Mezzadri. Volumes three and four are almost finished and are awaiting editing. These cover the period from the Revolution through 1878, the election of Antoine Fiat as superior general. Volumes five and six remain to be done. They will bring the history up to 1984, the date of the publication of the new constitutions of the Congregation. Each volume presents the story of the Congregation through its general government in the period of the volume, followed by the history of each province in the same period. Although there are several histories of individual aspects of the Congregation, no general history exists. The program is sponsored principally by the superior general, and the principal author of volumes three through six is John E. Rybolt, C.M.

*Online Resources*

The online depository of Vincentian texts *Via Sapientiae* (found at <http://via.library.depaul.edu/>) continues to add thousands of pages of material each month. Some recent additions worth note include:

- I. The DeAndreis-Rosati Memorial Archives, which contain microfilm copies of letters and documents pertaining to the Vincentian provinces in the United States, and the correspondence and spiritual writings of Felix De Andreis (<http://via.library.depaul.edu/drma/>).
- II. Official Documents of the Congregation of the Mission ([http://via.library.depaul.edu/com\\_doc/](http://via.library.depaul.edu/com_doc/)).
- III. Vincentian Studies Institute Monographs and Publications (<http://via.library.depaul.edu/vhm/>).
- IV. Various journals, including CLAPVI and Mission et Charité. Vincentiana is currently being added ([http://via.library.depaul.edu/vin\\_journals/](http://via.library.depaul.edu/vin_journals/)).
- V. Various studies about Vincent de Paul ([http://via.library.depaul.edu/vdp\\_studies/](http://via.library.depaul.edu/vdp_studies/)).

To date, approximately 179,000 pages have been uploaded to the repository.

In addition the weekly pod cast series: "Let's Talk About Vincent de Paul," continues in its third year of production. To date more than 120 pod casts on Vincentian history, spirituality, and praxis have been produced. These pod casts are available for download from the website of the Office of Mission and Values at DePaul University (found at <http://mission.depaul.edu/podcast/index.asp>), or from iTunes. Last year the podcasts were accessed for use almost 53,000 times (in both streaming and download form) by the Vincentian family. This year marks the inauguration of a new pod cast series entitled: "Vincentian Story Corps," personal stories of Vincentian mission.

### *Obituary*

Reverend Paul Henzmann, C.M.

Born: 25 December 1922, Daniken, Switzerland

Entered the Congregation of the Mission: 15 October 1940

Vows: 7 November 1942

Ordination: 5 April 1947

On 7 July 2009, after a long period of declining health, the Reverend Paul Henzmann, C.M., died at the infirmary of the Mother House of the Congregation of the Mission in Paris.

After years of service in the ministry of priestly formation, Fr. Henzmann became the Secretary General of the Congregation from 1971 to 1991. Since 1991, Fr. Henzmann served as the archivist at the Mother House. Blessed with a photographic memory, a sense of order, organization, and the importance of the Congregation's historical heritage, and possessing a kind and generous soul, Fr. Henzmann supported the research of a generation of Vincentian scholars who remember him with gratitude and fondness.

In recognition of his signal contributions as archivist at the Mother House in Paris, Fr. Henzmann will be honored posthumously by the Vincentian Studies Institute as one of the recipients of the Pierre Coste Prize for distinguished contributions to Vincentian Studies. May he rest in peace.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *BOOKS*

*Anne d'Autriche, Infante d'Espagne et Reine de France*, edited by Chantal Grell (Paris: Perrin/Centro de Estudios Europa Hispanica, Centre de Recherche du Chateau de Versailles, 2009). This new work in French is a major retrospective of Queen Anne of Austria, daughter of Philipp III of Spain, wife and widow of Louis XIII, mother of Louis XIV, regent of France, and patron of Vincent de Paul. This work includes chapter studies from the finest



European scholars of all aspects of Anne's life. Notable amongst these is a chapter by Joseph Bergin entitled, "Anne d'Autriche et les devots." The queen's role as a devot, her relationship with Vincent de Paul and other great devot figures are chronicled, as well as the impact of these relationships on the history of France during this period.

William Beik, *A Social and Cultural History of Early Modern France* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009). "A magisterial new history of French society between the end of the middle ages and the Revolution by one of the world's leading authorities on early modern France. Using colorful examples and incorporating the latest scholarship, William Beik conveys the distinctiveness of early modern society and identifies the cultural practices that defined the lives of people at all levels of society. Painting a vivid picture of the realities of everyday life, he reveals how society functioned and how the different classes interacted. In addition to chapters on nobles, peasants, city people, and the court, the book sheds new light on the Catholic church, the army, popular protest, the culture of violence, gendered relations, and sociability. This is a major new work that restores the "ancient regime" as a key epoch in its own right and not simply as the prelude to the coming Revolution."

William Beik is Emeritus Professor of History at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. His previous publications include, *Urban Protest in Seventeenth-Century France: The Culture of Revolution* (1997), and *Louis XIV and Absolutism: A Study with Documents* (2000).

## JOURNALS

*Anales de la Congregación de la Misión y de las Hijas de la Caridad:*

Mayo/Junio 2008, Number 116:3, includes the works:

- Sor María Teresa Barbero Echavarría, H.C., "Santa Luisa y la Palabra de Dios."
- Sor María Ángeles Infante, H.C., "Sor Juana David, testigo y profeta de Esperanza."
- Florentino Meneses, C.M., "Mons. Emilio Lissón, C.M., Obispo de Chachapoyas y los Pasionistas españoles."
- José Barceló, C.M., "San Vicente de Paúl en la «Missió»."

*Cahiers Saint Vincent: Bulletin des Lazaristes de Frances*, No. 208 (Automne-Septembre 2009). Revue trimestrielle de la Congrégation de la Mission en France.

"L'Humor de Monsieur Vincent," by Andre Sylvestre, C.M., pp. 34-39.

*Colloque*: The Journal of the Irish Province of the Congregation of the Mission. Summer 2009, Number 57, features the following articles of note:

- Thomas Davitt, C.M., "Vincent de Paul, Travel Agent."
- Thomas Davitt, C.M., "Vincent getting away for Short breaks."
- Thomas McKenna, C.M., "Frederic Ozanam's Tactical Wisdom for Today's Consumer Society."

*Echoes of the Company*: The monthly international magazine of the Company of the Daughters of Charity.

The ongoing series focusing upon the *History of the Company: Special Centenary of the Birth of Mother Guillemin*, authored by Claire Herrmann, D.C., continues with:

- Issue Number 1, January / February 2008, "Mother Suzanne Guillemin (1906-1968), Daughter of Charity – Daughter of the Church, Superioress General of the Company, VII – Continuation of the Post-Conciliar Period," 65-83.
- Issue Number 2, Mars / Avril 2008 (French edition), "Mère Suzanne Guillemin (1906-1968), Fille de Dieu – Fille de l'Église, Supérieure générale de la Compagnie, VIII – Suite de la Période Postconciliaire: Mère Guillemin au Service de l'Église," 132-152.

Issue Number 2, March / April 2009, includes:

- Jean Morin, C.M., "The Poor Person, according to the mind of Saint Vincent."
- Claire Herrmann, D.C., "Saint Louise de Marillac – Some witnesses their words and their actions."
- Benito Martinez, C.M., "Two different and parallel lives with one single destiny!"